In addition to these the following two Institutions have been set up for providing general services to the handicapped person:—

(1) Institute for the Physically Handicapped, New Delhi.

(2) National Institute of Rehabilitation, Training and Research, Cuttack, Orissa.

Besides, the Central Government is implementing the following major schemes programmes for education, training and rehabilitation of handicapped:—

(i) Assistance to Organisations for the Disabled— 90 per cent grant is given (95 per cent for rural areas);

(ii) Assistance to Organisations for Rehabilitation of Leprosy Cured persons—Grant is given upto the extent of 90 per cent;

(iii) Assistance to Organisations for establishment of Special Schools —grant is given upto 90 per cent;

(iv) Scheme of Assistance for purchase of Aids and Appliances— Grant is given upto the extent of 90 per cent;

Scheme of Assistance in the Field for Manpower Development in the field of Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation—grant is given upto extent of 100 per cent.

(vi) 3 per cent vacancies has been reserved for physically handicapped-1 per cent each for the visual, hearing and orthopaedicaly handicapped in Group 'C' and 'D' posts in Central Government and comparable posts in Central Public Undertakings.

(vii) 23 Special Employment Exchanges and 55 Special Cells for the handicapped persons have been exclusively to help the handicapped in getting gainful employment. Besides normal employment exchanges also help handicapped persons in finding suitable employment.

(viii) 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres, have been set up to assess the ability of the disabled, arrange their training and place them in gainful employment etc.

Use of Harijan and Girijan in Government communications

3032. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued a circular banning the use of the words 'Harijan' and 'Girijan' in Government communications;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the new words which have been instructed to be used in place of the words 'Harijan' and 'Girijan'?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) It was represented to the Government by certain organisations/associations working for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes that State Governments/U.T. Administrations were using the words 'Harijan' and Girijan' in official matters, dealings, etc for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes which according to these organisations are derogatory words.

The matter was examined and a circular dated 16th August, 1990 was issued indicating that for all official transactions, matters, dealings, certificate; the Constitutional terms of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in English and their appropriate translations in other Indian Languages should alone be used for denoting the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled

Tribes included in the various Presidential Orders and for referring those castes/tribes.

Filling up the post of commissioner for linguistic languages

3033. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has filled up the post of the Commissioner for linguistic minority languages;

(b) if not, the reason for not filling up of the post for the last two years; and

(c) by when Government propose to fill up this post?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir. However, since the post fell vacant on 12.8.93 the Joint Secretary (Minorities) in this Ministry has been discharging the functions of the Commissioner, Linguistic Minorities in addition to his own responsibilities.

(b) and (c) The matter is under consideration.

Complaints received by the National Commission on harassment of SC/ST employees

3034. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by the National Commission on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the last two years in regard to herassment of the employees and officers belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes working in various institutions of the State Governments, State-wise; and

(b) the action taken/being taken by the Commission in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The total number of complaints received during the last two years regarding harassment to employees and officers belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in various State Governments is 1713. State-wise details are annexed in the statement. (*See* below).

(b) The complaints received from the employees are referred to the concerned authorities for seeking their comments. After receiving comments from the concerned authorities the National Commission calls for records and further information wherever necessary and after examining these records/information make suitable recommendations to the authorities concerned. In cases where Commission's recommendations have not been accepted by the authorities concerned, the Commission may include the cases in its annual report to the President.

Statement

The harassment of cases of employees and officers beloning to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes working in various institutions of State Government for last two years.

Sl. No.	State	No. of cases
1	Andhra Pradesh	202
2	Arunachal Pradesh	N.A.
3	Assam	16
4	Bihar	69
5	Goa	3